

U.S. Department of Justice

United States Marshals Service

Office of General Counsel

CG3, 15th Floor Washington, DC 20530-1000 April 7, 2017

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Re: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request No. 2015USMS28714

Subject: Fee Agreement to Search ITD for any documents relating to the software

known as "TrueCrypt" or any other software built off of or using TrueCrypt

source code, etc.

Dear Sir/Madame:

At this time, we have expended the two hours of search to which you are entitled without charge, and our records search is not complete. We estimate that it will take an additional 400 hours to complete our records search. Search and review fees by professional personnel are charged at \$40 per hour and duplication fees are assessed at five cents per page. See Production or Disclosure of Material or Information, 80 Fed. Reg. 18099, 18111 (Apr. 3, 2015) (to be codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 16.10(c)(1)(ii), (c)(2), and (c)(3)). Accordingly, we currently estimate that the fees associated with your request will total \$16,000. You are responsible for agreed-upon fees regardless of whether documents responsive to your request are located. See id. at 18111 (Apr. 3, 2015) (to be codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 16.10(c)(1)(i)).

Because our estimate exceeds \$250.00, we require advance payment at this time. See Production or Disclosure of Material or Information, 80 Fed. Reg. 18099, 18112 (Apr. 3, 2015) (to be codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 16.10(i)). Accordingly, please forward a partial payment in the form of a check or money order, in the amount of \$8,000 made payable to the *United States Treasury*, and mail it to: *United States Marshals Service, Office of General Counsel, CG3, 15th Floor, Washington, DC 20530-1000*, ATTN: Angela Chappelle Brooks. Please note **request# 2015USMS28714** on your check or money order and your envelope. You may also choose to specify a particular amount you are willing to pay or you may wish to reformulate your request to reduce the

amount of fees incurred. <u>Id.</u> at 18112 (Apr. 3, 2015) (to be codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 16.10(e)).

It is necessary for you to commit to pay the estimated fee before this Office will continue to process the records that are potentially responsive to your request. Please be advised that pursuant to Department regulation 80 Fed. Reg. 18099, 18112 (Apr. 3, 2015) (to be codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 16.10(e)), where a component determines that the total fees will exceed \$25, the request shall not be considered received until the requester agrees to pay the anticipated fees. If you are willing to pay the estimated fee you have 30 days from the date of this letter to mail in the partial payment of \$8,000.

Please be advised that until we receive a check from you for the indicated amount for search fees, we will suspend further searching for records responsive to your request. Once we receive your payment, we will promptly resume our records search, and we will notify you that we received your partial payment.

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s/Angela Chappelle Brooks, for

William E. Bordley

Associate General Counsel/FOIPA Officer

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